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SUBJ: SINO- JAPANESE ECONOMIC RELATIONS

SUMMARY. A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER HAS PROVIDED SUMMARY OF SINO- JAPANESE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TRADE, AVIATION AND FISHERIES FIELDS. END SUMMARY.

1. VISITING BUSINESSMEN: IN MEETING WITH VISITING HONG KONG CONGEN OFFICER JOHNSON, JAPANESE EMBOFF TADASHI IKEDA SAID THAT ABOUT EIGHTY JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN ARE NOW IN PEKING. HALF ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF " FRIENDLY FIRMS" AND HALF ARE ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS FOR SPECIFIC CONTRACTS, INCLUDING FURTHER SALES OF WHOLE PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS. (IKEDA PUT TOTAL JAPANESE SALES OF PETROCHEMICAL PLANTS TO CHINA SCNCE LAST DECEMBER AT ABOUT
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DOLS 240 MILLION.) ON JUNE 21 A JAPANESE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMSNT EXHIBITION WILL OPEN IN PEKING FOR A TWENTY- DAY RUN. MORE THAN 200 JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN, REPRESENTING ABOUT FORTY FIRMS WILL ATTEND. COMPUTERS AND OTHER SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WILL BE ON DISPLAY (SOME OF WHICH MAY RAISE PROBLEMS OF COCOM RESTRICTIONS, IKEDA IMPLIED). PRO- PEKING FORMER DIETMAN FUJIYAMA WILL OPEN THE EXHIBITION.

2. CIVIL AIR TALKS: IKEDA, WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN ALL SINO-JAPANESE CIVIL AIR NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE, INDICATED THAT REPORTS OF OBSTACLES TO REACHING AN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN EXAGGERATED. IN THE SECOND ROUND OF TALKS HELD IN PEKING, THE CHINESE RAISED ONLY TWO OBJECTUONS TO THE JAPANESE DRAFT PROPOSAL.

(A) THEY SOUGHT TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY THAT CAAC PLANES MIGHT APPEAR AT THE SAME JAPANESE AIRPORT SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH AIRCRAFT FROM TAIWAN. ON THIS POINT, THE JAPANESE OFFERED CAAC PRIORITY SCHEDULING (APPARENTLY WITHIN A NARROW TIME FRAME) WHICH THEY HOPED WOULD RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. THE CHINESE REMAINED UNSATISFIED, HOWEVER. NO FURTHER PROPOSALS WERE PRESENTED BY EITHER SIDE, AND THE JAPANESE DID NOT RAISE POSSIBILITY OF ALTERNATE AIRPORTS.

(B) THE CHINESE ALSO OBJECTED TO HAVING THE SAME JAPANESE CARRIER SERVE THE PRC AND TAIWAN. THE JAPANESE DID NOT RESPOND ON THIS POINT, BUT IKEDA BELIEVES THE CHINESE WILL DROP THE ISSUE, IF SATISFIED ON THEIR FIRST POINT.

3. IKEDA SAID NO OTHER OBSTACLES TO AN AGREEMENT NOW EXIST, AND INSISTED THAT THERE IS NO MISUNDERSTANDING ON EITHER SIDE. HE IMPLIED THAT FURTHER PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE DURING RECENT TALKS BETWEEN LIAO CHENG- CHIH AND FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA AND SAID THAT AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPAL MAY BE REACHED DURING THE NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS.

4. FISHERIES AGREEMENT: A JAPANESE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE BEFORE JUNE 22 TO OPEN TALKS ON A GOVERNMENT- LEVEL FISHERIES AGREEMENT. BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO EXTEND FOR ONE YEAR THE VALIDITY OF THE CURRENT PRIVATE AGREEMENT, DUE TO EXPIRE JUNE 22, TO ALLOW TIME TO NEGOTIATE THE NEW ACCORD. IKEDA BELIEVES THE FISHERIES TALKS WILL BE FAR MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE AIR NEGOTIATIONS, SINCE THEY WILL DEAL WITH QUESTIONS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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